

HOUSE BILL No. 1405

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.6-7-8.

Synopsis: Marriage counselors. Requires a marriage counselor to disclose to a person being counseled: (1) the philosophy and value system the marriage counselor uses; (2) that the purpose of a marriage counselor is to keep marriages intact; and (3) that a married couple can be counseled together or individually.

Effective: July 1, 2003.

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January 14, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Human Affairs.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23.6-7-8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2003]: **Sec. 8. Before providing marriage counseling services, a**
4 **counselor shall disclose to a person to whom counseling services**
5 **are provided:**
6 **(1) the philosophy and value system the marriage counselor**
7 **uses;**
8 **(2) that a marriage counselor's purpose is to keep marriages**
9 **intact, except if there is or was infidelity or domestic violence**
10 **within a marriage; and**
11 **(3) that a married couple can be counseled together or**
12 **individually.**



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